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KASHMIR

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THE AWAMI ACTION COMMITTEE (AAC)
LED BY MIR WAIZ MOHAMMAD FAROOQ, HAS DECIDED TO OBSERVE
SELF-DETERMINATION DAY THROUGHOUT INDIAN-OCCUPIED KASHMIR
ON MARCH 17. PAKISTAN TIMES, MARCH 9, CITED PRESS
RELEASE ISSUED RAWALPINDI PREVIOUS DAY BY AWAMI ACTION
COMMITTEE FOR AZAD KASHMIR AND PAKISTAN AS SOURCE FOR
REPORT. THE DAY, PRESS SAID, WHICH IS TO BE OBSERVED
TO "DEMONSTRATE THE KASHMIRI PEOPLES' RESOLVE TO CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE FOR THEIR RIGHT TO SELFDETERMINATION" HAS BEEN OBSERVED UNDER AUSPICES OF AAC EVERY
YEAR SINCE 1964 IN OCCUPIED KASHMIR.

2. ACCOUNT ALSO CITES AWAMI ACTION COMMITTEE AS SOURCE FOR DETAILS OF FEB. 28 HARTAL (GENERAL STRIKE) IN INDIAN-OCCUPIED KASHMIR. INCIDENTS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED: VIOLENT CLASHES IN SOPORE WHEN PROCESSIONS OF YOUTHS BEGAN SHOUTING SLOGANS "PAKISTAN ZINDABAD" (LONG LIVE PAKISTAN) AND "BHUTTO HAMARA LEADER HAI" (BHUTTO IS OUR LEADER): COMPLETE HARTAL IN BARAMULLAH WHERE POLICE UNCLASSIFIED

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TEARGASSED DEMONSTRATORS: COMPLETE HARTAL IN SRINAGAR

WHERE ONLY FEW GOVERNMENT VEHICLES ON ROADS: HUGE CROWD STONING SECRETARIAT IN SRINAGAR.

3. SAME ISSUE PAKISTAN TIMES CITES BBC REPORT (QUOTING AN AAC SPOKESMAN) THAT AAC CHAIRMAN MOHAMMAD FAROOQ WAS KEPT UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN SRINAGAR BEFORE FEB. 28 STRIKE AND THAT 350 PARTY WORKERS WERE ARRESTED BY POLICE, INCLUDING ONE WHO DIED IN JAIL. BYROADE

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